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Rev. S. Murphy,

Prefect of Studies, English Course,

University of Ottawa.

Dear Father Murphy:

The University Matriculation Board transmitted to the conference of the Universities, which met yesterday, your request that representation should be given to the English staff of the Ottawa University on the University Matriculation Board, at the same time it was mentioned that the professors of the English staff wished it specifically stated that the representative of Ottawa College on the Board should be the Prefect of Studies of the English course.

The matter was discussed by a committee of the conference and has been referred to each of the Senates of the Universities. While it is the unanimous feeling of the members of the Committee that they would like to help the University of Ottawa in raising and maintaining its English standards, there are several difficulties in the may and we should like more information before coming to a decision as to what we can do. Our main difficulty is to differentiate between the Senate of the University of Ottawa and the English staff. If you could send us the request through the Senate of the University of Ottawa, and at the same time an official statement as to the intention of the University of Ottawa to abandon their matriculation examination in English and to accept ours most of these difficulties would be removed. All the other Universities that are members of the Matriculation Board deal through their Senates, and they have all promised to hold in

abeyance their rights for conducting matriculation examinations. We have also never laid down with any of the Universities as a requirement that they should nominate any special member of their staff. However, I suppose we should not have the same difficulty in this case in stating that the member of the Matriculation Board to represent the University of Ottawa should be one who is conversant with the matriculation for the English course. I shall be glad to get your views on these points.

Yours sincerely,

President.